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While the Governor has proposed major reductions in the current fiscal year's education budget, the budget proposals from the legislature do not include reductions to the BTSA program. We are cautiously optimistic that current year funding for the BTSA program will be maintained at the originally budgeted amount. The allocation per beginning teacher (\$3,443) remains the same, as does the process to disburse the funds. For those who are eligible, we anticipate release of the remaining 25% of funds in April 2003.

The provisions of Education Code §44279.1 et seq., related to the operation and administration of the BTSA program, remain in effect through the remainder of the 02-03 fiscal year. At this point in time we do not have any meaningful information regarding changes to this law. We would encourage you to wait for such information before making any decisions about the operation of your local program in 03-04.